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**DTV SIGNAL WITH GCR COMPONENTS IN PLURAL-DATA-SEGMENT
FRAME HEADERS AND RECEIVER APPARATUS FOR
SUCH SIGNAL**

The invention relates to ghost-cancellation circuitry in television receivers and to reference signals included in transmitted television signals for facilitating such ghost-cancellation.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Distortion in the baseband signals recovered by a receiver caused by multi-path reception is a problem in digital television (DTV) transmissions as well as in NTSC analog television transmissions, although the distortion is not seen as ghost images by the viewer of the image televised by DTV. Rather the distortion causes errors in the data-slicing procedures used to convert symbol coding to binary code groups. If these errors are too frequent in nature, the error correction capabilities of the DTV receiver are overwhelmed, and there is catastrophic failure in the television image. If such catastrophic failure occurs infrequently, it can be masked to some extent by freezing the good TV images most recently transmitted, such masking being less satisfactory if the TV images contain considerable motion content. DTV receivers use adaptive equalizers to suppress the distortion caused by multipath reception, which equalizers are similar to those previously used in some NTSC television receivers. The adaptive equalizers are digital filters with kernel weights that can be adjusted by suitable electronics to reduce multi-path signals known as "pre-ghosts" that are received before the principal signal is received and to reduce multi-path signals known as "post-ghosts" that are received after the principal signal is received.

Several forms of adaptive equalizer are known. The adaptive equalizer can be a finite-impulse-response (FIR) digital filter formed from a several-bit-wide digital shift register a few hundred stages in length and a respective 4-quadrant digital multiplier for each stage to weight the contents of that stage by respective kernel weight for inclusion in a weighted summation. However, since many of the kernel weights are of negligible value, such a straightforward approach is wasteful of digital hardware. Adaptive equalizers currently preferred by many persons skilled in the art incorporate cascades of digital filters with specialized functions, such as the cancellation of pre-ghosts occurring a substantial number of microseconds before the principal signal, the cancellation of post-

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